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other paper in Southwest Virginia, and at
more than that of all the other papers of
Roanoke combined.

ROANOKE, VA., DECEMBER 23, 1897.

THE CLOSING MOVEMENT.

THE TIMES is glad to see that its
efforts to bring merchants together for
a general holiday on Monday, December
26, have met with success as well as
inspiring a general movement in that
direction throughout Southwest Vir-
ginia.

Americans work too many days in the
year. A few more holidays would be in
order. Outside of New Year, Fast Day
and Christmas, no holidays were brought
to America to find permanent root.
Thanksgiving Day, now so generally
recognized, was the first to be born in
America. Washington's Birthday and
the Fourth of July sprang from the
revolution. The late war gave Dec-
laration Day, and in a number of States,
an Arbor Day has sprung into life.

It would be well for driving America
to have several more holidays. More
work would be done in the end for the
rest obtained. Two holidays in a cen-
tury is about the rate of growth.

The Norfolk and Western in Washington.
From the Washington Star.

After all that the city of Washington
has done for the Pennsylvania Railroad
Company it is ingratitude in one of the
most reprehensible of its ever-ugly
forms for that corporation to exert its
great congressional influence to the end
that other railroad companies which are
desirous of entering the city shall be
prevented from crossing the boundary
line. From the day when the Pennsylv-
ania's tracks were we came into the
District of Columbia down even to the
present time few necessary facilities
have been denied the company, and
these few the company succeeded in ac-
quiring anyhow without troubling itself
about the rights it invaded or the con-
sequences that might follow.

Even the law was merely an obstacle
to be surmounted or undermined.
Broad avenues and hardly less valuable
streets have been acquired by methods
that would never have been tolerated in
any other community, priceless parks
are crossed and recrossed by the rail-
road tracks, while over all, at grade, run
the trains which have been the uncon-
scious executioners of men and women
and children, who never committed any
greater crime than that of endeavoring
to use the streets which the railroad
claims for its own. And all these con-
ditions have been tolerated for years.
Now another railroad company—the
Norfolk and Western—wants to extend
its line into and within the District, and
to this the Pennsylvania corporation
makes strenuous objection.

Every business man in Washington
wants the Norfolk and Western to come
in, under proper restrictions as to the
method of its entrance and the char-
acter of its terminals, every merchant
has suffered for months from the un-
deniable freight blockade and there is
loud and earnest appeal for the relief
which can only be given by a compet-
ing road. This is the time for every
man who is interested in the welfare of
the city to assert himself; to require of
those who are, in a sense, representa-
tives of the District that they shall not
misrepresent their voteless constituents;
to insist that this is a great center of
intelligent population and not a village;
to ask for the admission under proper
conditions of every railroad that wants
to come in; and to demand that no fee
be paid to the interested representa-
tives of a corporation that apparently
cares nothing for the community out of
which so much has been gotten for
nothing.

See and Hear.

If you want to delight both the eye
and ear call at warehouses of Hobbie-
Music Company and see the magnificent
display of pianos and organs in all
latest styles and designs and hear some-
thing that will so please the ear that
you will buy.

Huyler's Candy.

Mattie & Martin have the sole agency
in Roanoke for Huyler's celebrated
candies, and have a large stock in hand.

AMUSEMENTS.

Mrs. Otton's Reading.

The audience that greeted Mrs. Bessie
Otton at Smith's Music Hall last
night was small but appreciative. The
distinguished reader was not at her
best as she has been unwell the past
two days and the programme was cut
rather short.

Mrs. Otton's selections are well chosen
and delivered in a faultless manner. She
is possessed of a rich, well-trained voice,
graceful movements and perfect articu-
lation. The audience was especially
pleased with her "Little Mischief,"
which was true to nature. A violin,
piano and banjo made very acceptable
music between the selections. The en-
tertainment was given for the benefit of
Greene-Memorial Church.

His Farewell Lecture.

Luther Benson gave his fourth lec-
ture in Roanoke at the Opera House
last night before a large audience. The
lecture was as interesting as the pre-
vious ones and engaged the closest at-
tention of the assembly. At the close
of the lecture a collection was taken
and a subscription started by Rev.
Hammer to pay the hall rent. Mr. Ben-
son paid Roanoke a high compliment on
its hospitality and said that if he ever
happened within 200 miles of the city
he would certainly revisit it.

One hundred and fifty of his books
were sold here, and many more would
have been sold if he had had them.
Mr. Benson leaves on the morning train
to spend Christmas with his family at
Indianapolis.

A Cowardly Murder.

TALBULAH, Ga., Dec. 22.—While Capt.
B. B. Pierce and J. W. Garrett were
sitting in the former's office at Altoona
Station last night some person ap-
proached the window and placing the
muzzle of a gun against the pane fired
two shots, killing them both instantly.
Both men were shot in the neck and
were horribly mutilated. The bodies
were not found until 11 o'clock, when
the alarm was given. A large body of
citizens gathered at the scene, and a
vigorous search was made for the mur-
derer, but it was fruitless.

Presented With a Gold Headed Cane.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—David R. Mc-
Kee, late manager of the Washington
office of the New York Associated Press,
was to-day presented by his late asso-
ciates with a handsome gold headed
cane. The occasion was his retirement
from the office, which he has held for
the past ten years.

Earthquake Shock in Indiana.

SEYMOUR, Ind., Dec. 22.—At 11.15 last
night a very distinct earthquake shock
was noted here. The direction of the
seismic wave was southeast. The dura-
tion was eight seconds and the move-
ment lateral.

Blow Out His Brains.

ANTIGO, Wis., Dec. 22.—E. N. Mellor,
of the lumber firm of Hoxie & Mellor,
who failed two years ago for \$500,000
and caused a great sensation in business
circles, committed suicide this morning
by blowing out his brains.

A Cotton Steamer on Fire.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 22.—The Spanish
steamer Grao, with 1,200 bales of cotton
aboard, is burning here. She was load-
ing for Barcelona. The loss will be
heavy.

"All on the Make."

From the Chicago Times.
The list of concessions made for a con-
sideration to various catch-penny con-
trivances in connection with the World's
Fair is surprisingly long. A newspaper
column would be needed to enumerate
them all. The midway plaisance is
given over largely to this class of ven-
ture in connection with the show, but
the concessionaires are found every-
where throughout the fair grounds.
From peanuts and popcorn to Moorish
palaces and million dollars in a lump
sum, from a street in Cairo to a straddle
on a donkey, from a Bavarian village to
a clam bake, from Miss Monroe's ode to
the White Horse Inn, everybody, the
Columbian Exposition included, is "on
the make." This eagerness for profit
may go too far.



Mrs. Mary Astor

of Lewisburg, Pa., suffered untold agony from
broken varicose veins, with intense itching
and burning. On the recommendation of a
physician she took

Hood's Sarsaparilla

and used Hood's Olive Ointment. Soon the
ulcers began to heal, the inflammation ceased,
she was completely cured, and says, "I enjoy
health as I have not for many years."

"We are personally acquainted with Mrs.
Astor and know the above to be true." J. S.
GRIFFIN & SON, Lewisburg, Pa.

HOOD'S PILLS cure Habitual Constipation by
restoring peristaltic action of the alimentary canal.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

If Arabian tradition amounts to any-
thing Eve was over two hundred feet
tall.

ST. CHARLES, Mo., has been under the
dominion of three flags, namely: Spain,
France and the United States.

A FIVE-CENT postage stamp issued in
Alabama during the confederacy was
sold in New York recently for \$780.

The Michigan lumbermen carry cedar
knobs in their pockets as a cure and
also as a preventive of rheumatism.

A RECENT experiment has proved that
carrier pigeons may be trusted to con-
vey messages from ships several hun-
dred miles at sea.

The silky little King Charles spaniel
is an expensive luxury, because puppies
a month old easily bring \$30 apiece and
when half grown \$100.

JOHN HAYNES, who was killed by the
trolley in Philadelphia a few days ago,
was a 12-year-old grandson of Chang
(Booker), one of the famous Siamese
twins.

A KANSAS farmer who had had much
trouble in shipping eggs at last suc-
ceeded in getting a consignment deliv-
ered in good order by marking the box
"dynamite."

A VERY pretty girl named Annie Mc-
Tague, aged nineteen, of Wannamassa,
N. J., was fondling a pet horse, when
the animal suddenly snapped at the
girl's face and bit her nose, almost tear-
ing it off. She will be disfigured for
life.

The frizzled glass threads from which
cloth is woven are said to surpass in
fineness not only the finest cotton but
even the thread of the silk worm's co-
coon, their softness and elasticity being
even greater than that of manufactured
silk "lint."

CLIPPINGS OF SCIENCE.

THE man who is perfectly propor-
tioned weighs exactly twenty and
three-quarters pounds for every foot of
his height.

CANCER has been discovered in Amer-
ican brook trout in a pond in New Zea-
land. It was supposed that the disease
was unknown to fishes.

THE Gaudaloupe bees lay their honey
in bladders of wax about as large as a
pigeon's egg, and not in combs. The
honey never hardens, and is of an oily
consistency.

CRYSTALLIZED nitrogen is one of the
greatest chemical curiosities. By cool-
ing nitrogen gas down to 397 degrees
below the freezing point and allowing
it to expand, solid snow-like crystals
are formed.

If the earth were to revolve on its
axis with seventeen times its present
rapidity, the pendulum would not vi-
brate at all, and we would weigh nothing
at the equator, for the centrifugal
force would be so great as to throw us
off.

OUR summer is a few days longer than
the astronomical winter, which arises
from two causes. First, the earth dur-
ing winter is traveling over the smaller
half of its orbit; and second, its mo-
tion in that period of its orbit is more
rapid.

FAMOUS LITERATI.

It is well known that Renan studied
for the priesthood and that the altera-
tion of his opinions was the result of
his perusal of Hegel's writings.

EDITOR JOHN BUSHN WALKER, of the
Cosmopolitan Magazine, is out in a card
denying that he made \$2,500,000 in a real
estate deal. He says he has only made
\$1,000,000.

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES not
only hasn't a copy of his first poem, but
he doesn't know what the title of it
was. This he confessed the other day
to a lady who sought him for informa-
tion on this point.

THE journalistic and literary world of
Germany has suffered a great loss in
the death of Otto Baish, for many
years past editor-in-chief of the famous
weekly journal Ueber Land und Meer.
Herr Baish was sick only a short time.

MISS KATE FIELD, though a busy
business woman, does not like to work
at a desk. Much of her writing she
does on a tablet in an easy chair. It is
said that she even "curls up" while thus
engaged, and that she acquired this
habit unconsciously from Elizabeth
Barrett Browning.

ETCHINGS OF ART.

M. LEGOUVE, the oldest member of the
French academy, is eighty-five years
old. Pierre Loti, the youngest, is forty-
three.

ALMA TADEMA was brought up to be
a lawyer, but fortunately for the lovers
of art took more to the idea of beautify-
ing the world than of fleecing it.

THE fine collection of Gustave Dore's
paintings, which has been on exhibi-
tion in London for twenty-one years,
has been brought to New York, where
it will remain for six months and possi-
bly for a year.

SIR FREDERICK LEIGHTON, president
of the Royal academy, wears large spec-
tacles with divided glasses, the upper
being used for seeing his model at a dis-
tance and the lower for painting. Sir
Frederick works on several paintings at
one time.

Among the new clubs of Boston is the
"Unity," composed of both men and
women, whose object is the furtherance
of art and social interests. It has very
beautiful rooms on Arlington street,
overlooking the public gardens, and it is
hoped that these will become an attrac-
tive social center as the club grows
stronger.

WITTY AND WISE.

"HERE'S another case of kid napping,"
said the messenger boy who found a
comrade asleep.—Washington Star.

WHAT the solar system needs now is
a good stringent law for the punish-
ment of vagrancy.—Kansas City Star.

NO PAWNROKER will undertake to
guard young men from reckless dissipa-
tion, but he'll keep watch for them.—
Philadelphia Times.

"THE first thing I must do," said the
escaped convict, "is to get another suit.
They will judge a man by his clothes in
this world."—Washington Star.

Closing Out Balance of
Ladies' and Misses'

CLOAKS

HEIRONIMUS & BRUGH'S,
25 per cent. Reduction

On Every Garment.

There are about 50 Ladies'
Black and Colored Jackets, 18
Children's Long Cloaks and 9
Newmarkets.

ALL REDUCED.

Our Handkerchief Sale is
still in progress. The line
embraces everything in the
way of Handkerchiefs, and we
show many things not seen
elsewhere.

Muffs, Umbrellas,
Lineas, Gloves,
Hosiery, Etc.,

All Make Suitable Gifts.

Come to us when on the
lookout for Gifts.

Heironimus
& Brugh's,
206 Commerce Street.

O
this
you
see
is a Xmas
tree, but not
of the usual
kind, though nev-
ertheless it bears,
we guess, just what
you want to find. Old
Santa Claus has made a
pause, and stopped right at
our door. The goods he left
comprise the best of Rais-
ins, Figs and Dates.
Our Florida Fruit is
sure to suit—it sells
at the lowest rates.
And he said to-day
as he passed our
way, "I've said
it off before,
there's al-
ways more
at Wertz's
store to
fill
those
hose,
and
good-
ness
knows,
he will
suit your
taste, with
naught to
waste, and
cheap this
Merry Christmas Time."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Advertisements in this column will repay
perusal.

BODY & KENNERLY.

DEALERS IN COAL AND WOOD,

Office corner Roanoke avenue and
Bridge street, Roanoke Development
Company. 11 26 6m.

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builder, Commercial Bank Building,
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GOETZ'S BULLETIN.

We have again accepted the agency
for the celebrated "LADIES' TEN-
DER FEET SHOE," which sell
themselves under the same guarantee
and as low as ever.

Goods damaged by flood will be sold
at a great sacrifice. Come and look at
them, there may be a pair to fit you.

GOETZ'S,
No. 101 Salem avenue, Cor. Henry

4156a.

USEFUL HOLIDAY GIFTS.

THINK OF IT!

A SOLID OAK SUIT,

3 pieces \$17 00
10 pieces 25 00
French plate glass, bevel edge, good
finish.

Reed and Rattan Rockers,

\$1 50 \$2 50 \$3 00 \$3 50 \$4 00
\$5 10 \$6 00 \$7 00 \$7 50 \$8 00
\$9 00 \$10 00 \$11 50 \$13 00

CHILDREN'S ROCKERS,

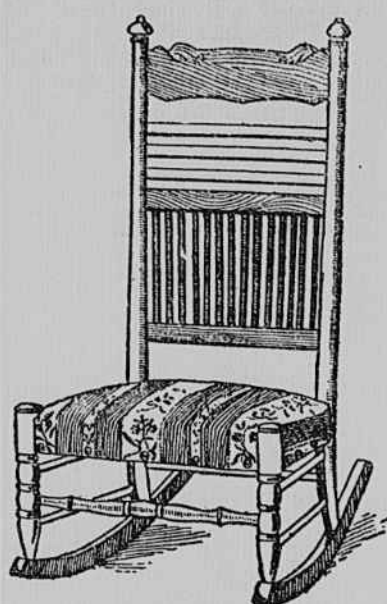
60c. \$1.25 \$1.50

FANCY TABLES,

24x24 inch top,
Oak, \$1.50 up to \$10.00.

BED LOUNGES,

Oak frames,
\$10.00 to \$25.00



This is our \$4.50 Rocker, solid oak,
polished frame and silk plush seat. We
also have them at \$5, \$7.50, \$8 and 10.

COPPER & STONE,

10 SALEM AVE. S. E. 10

THE BROWN
Dry Goods Company,

NO. 208 COMMERCE STREET.

FLOUR.

We told you that our \$4.50
flour would be advanced. It
is now \$5. It is still the best
flour for the money in Roan-
oke.

SHOES.

We have never mentioned
shoes. We have them and
can give you the best prices
and as good quality as anyone.

A \$4 World's Fair Shoe for
\$3.

A camel's hide shoe, very
durable, for \$3.

A guaranteed calf shoe for
\$2.

An Algonquin cork sole
shoe for \$3.

A good, strong, durable shoe
for heavy wear and heavy
weather, from \$1 to \$1.50.

Ladies' Shoes.

A buff button, solid leather,
inner, outer and top, for \$1.

A Dongola goat, high art,
button or lace, for \$1.50.

A genuine goat, button, com-
fortable shape, for \$2.

A first quality high Dongola
kid, flexible and shapely, for
\$2.

THE BROWN DRY GOODS CO.,

208 COMMERCE STREET.

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1,000 \$.50 10,000 \$ 3.75

5,000 1.25 25,000 8.00

3,00075 50,000 15.00

Stick them on your letters.

Stick them on the wall.

Stick them everywhere and help ad-
vertise the town.

They are the same as the "cars" on
the first page of THE TIMES.

THE ROANOKE TRANSFER

Company is prepared to do all
kinds of hauling. They keep good
wagons, good teams and respon-
sible drivers. Prompt attention.
Offices, Freight depot and Jefferson
street, south. Telephone, 119
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THE OLD RELIABLE AND POP-

ular Dye Works is the only place

to have your clothes perfectly dyed,
cleaned and repaired.

Prices very moderate. Goods sent
by express will receive prompt atten-
tion. E. WALSAK, proprietor, cor-
ner Commerce and Campbell streets,
Roanoke, Va. m 1928-8m

CHRISTMAS.

If you want to buy a house or lot come
and see us during Xmas week when you
are not so busy. We have houses and
lots very cheap for all cash and good
property that can be bought on small
monthly payments.

8 room house, conveniently located,
\$2,000; \$100 cash, balance \$20 per month.

Splendid lot on Sixth avenue n. w.,

\$500; \$25 cash, balance \$10 per month.

11 room house on Terry Hill, near

Jefferson street, \$3,500

42 lots in beautiful grove at figures

that make a fine investment.

105x190 feet in centre of town, front-
ing on Norfolk and Western railroad,

best location for a wholesale house.

Write for terms.